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The following retentions, revisions and additions are suggested for the new requirements list:

Argentina (pp. 1-5)

Item 8, - retain and add as follows: What efforts are being made by Bloc countries to trade directly with private enterprises and with provincial governments (C)

Item 12, - a. - retain  
b. - <sup>retain first sentence and</sup> revise to read: What is Argentina's reaction to recent offers from the USSR of petroleum equipment? (S) Have other Bloc countries shown interest in offering such equipment? (C)  
c. - retain  
d. - retain  
e. - retain

Bolivia (pp. 6-8)

Item 5, a. - retain  
b. - retain  
c. - retain  
d. - add as follows: Are there indications of a Bloc trade offensive in Bolivia, such as large-scale participation in trade fairs, offers to purchase surplus agricultural products and offers to sell capital equipment? (S)

Item 6 - retain  
Item 7 - retain  
Item 8 - retain  
Item 9 - retain  
Item 10 - retain  
Item 11 - retain  
Item 12 - retain

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Brasil (pp. 9-12)

Item 6 - retain

Item 8 - retain

Item 9 - revise to read as follows: Continuing information on Brazilian trade negotiations with other Sino-Soviet Bloc countries would be of interest. What is the status of negotiations between East Germany and Brazil. (U) Information on Bloc offers to purchase Brazil's surplus commodities (such as cotton) or strategic materials in return for sales of capital goods is also requested. (S)

Item 10 - retain

Item 11 - retain

Item 12 - retain

Chile (pp. 13-15)

Item 5, a. - retain

b. - retain

c. - retain

d. - retain

e. - retain

f. - retain

g. - retain

h. - retain

i. - retain

Item 6 - retain and add as follows: It has been reported that East Germany, Czechoslovakia and Hungary have negotiated to purchase large quantities of Chilean nitrate in exchange for industrial equipment. (S) Information concerning fulfillment of these contracts is requested. In addition there is continuing interest in offers of this type by other Bloc countries.

Item 7 - retain

Colombia (pp. 16-17)

Item 2 - retain

Item 3 - retain

Item 4 - retain

Item 6 - retain

Item 7 - retain

Item 10 - retain

Item 11 - retain

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Costa Rica (pp. 18-19)

Item 4, a. - retain  
b. - retain  
c. - retain  
d. - retain  
e. - add as follows: What Bloc commodities have been

offered in Costa Rica? (S) Has there been any evidence of "dumping" of Bloc products in the Costa Rican market? (S) What Costa Rican goods have the Bloc countries offered to purchase? (C)

Cuba (pp. 20-24)

Item 6, a. - retain  
c. - retain  
e. - retain  
f. - retain  
g. - retain  
h. - retain  
i. - retain

l. - retain and add as follows: Have there been firm offers by the Bloc to sell sugar producing equipment or other industrial equipment to Cuba? If so are these offered on credit terms? (S)

m. - retain  
n. - retain

Dominican Republic (pp. 25-26)

Item 3, a. - retain  
c. - retain  
d. - retain

e. - retain and add as follows: What attempts, if any, have been made by Bloc countries to purchase Dominican agricultural products such as sugar and/or to furnish industrial equipment and technical assistance. (C) There is continuing interest in Bloc efforts to establish trade relations with the Dominican Republic. (S)

f. - retain  
g. - retain

Item 4 - add as follows: It has recently been reported that the USSR has proposed the establishment of diplomatic relations between the USSR and the Dominican Republic. This proposal was reportedly rejected. (S) Information is requested on any such proposals from Bloc countries. (S)

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Ecuador (pp. 27-30)

Item 5, p. 28, a. - retain  
b. - retain  
d. - retain  
e. - retain  
f. - retain

Item 7 - retain  
Item 13 - retain  
Item 14 - retain  
Item 15 - retain

El Salvador (pp. 31-32)

Item 3, c. - retain  
d. - retain  
e. - retain

French West Indies-French Guiana (pp. 33-34)

Item 1, j. - retain  
k. - retain  
l. - retain

Guatemala (pp. 35-37)

Item 6, d. - retain  
e. - retain  
f. - add as follows: Is there evidence of overt or covert economic penetration by the Bloc such as offers to sell to Guatemala at prices lower than U.S. prices, efforts to secure commercial representations, offers of technical assistance or loans. (S)

Haiti (pp. 38-39)

Item 2, b. - retain  
c. - retain  
e. - retain  
f. - retain  
g. - retain  
h. - retain

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Honduras (pp. 40-41)

Item 3, g. - retain  
h. - retain  
j. - retain

Mexico (pp. 42-44)

Item 1, a. - retain  
Item 6, a. - retain  
b. - retain  
Item 7, retain

Nicaragua (pp. 45-46)

Item 4, a. - retain  
b. - retain  
c. - add as follows: Is there evidence of Bloc efforts to expand trade with Nicaragua through the sale of low priced Bloc goods (dumping) on the Nicaraguan market, offers of technical assistance or loans? (S)  
d. - add as follows: What are the activities of Bloc commercial representatives in Nicaragua? (S)

Panama (pp. 47-50)

Item 9, retain  
a. - retain  
b. - add as follows: Is there evidence of Bloc efforts to expand commercial relations with Panama through commercial representatives, "dumping", offers of technical assistance or loans.

Paraguay (pp. 51-54)

Item 6, retain  
a. - retain  
b. - retain  
c. - retain  
d. - retain  
e. - retain  
f. - retain  
g. - retain  
h. - retain

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Peru (pp. 55-58)

- Item 3, a. - retain
- b. - retain
- c. - retain
- d. - retain

Item 9 - retain  
Item 11 - retain  
Item 16 - retain  
Item 17 - retain  
Item 18 - retain

Surinam - Netherlands Antilles (pp. 59-60)

- Item 2, a. - retain
- b. - retain

Item 3, c. - retain  
e. - retain

Uruguay (pp. 61-62)

- Item 1, b. - retain
- c. - retain
- d. - retain
- e. - retain
- f. - retain

g. - add as follows: What is the status of USSR-Uruguayan trade agreement? Continuing information is required on the implementation of this agreement. (S)

- Item 9 - retain
- Item 10 - retain

Venezuela (p. 63)

- Item 9 - retain
- Item 10 - retain

Item 11 - add as follows: Is there evidence of Bloc efforts to initiate commercial relations with Venezuela through offers of expanded trade, technical assistance or loans? (S)

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